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EXAMINER: Russel, Jeffrey E.  
APPLICANT: Clayton Ericson et al.  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

DATE OF DEPOSIT: 2/11/2003

I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

*Emily Mecham*  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 110.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ 410.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ 930.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,450.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$1,970.00

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- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: **\$55.00.**
- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, except the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-0100.

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- ☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- ☐ I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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